

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes October 7, 2019

Present: John Alves, Jim Troiano, Priscilla Dunn, Willit Mason, Susan Waddington

Absent: Richard Wallace, Jim Tusino, David Sullivan, Historic Commission

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall lunch room at 7:32 by Chair, John Alves
Minutes of the August 19 meeting were approved by those attending that meeting.

It is expected that the Parks and Recreation/CPC article concerning the proposed playground on Town Hall property will be on the warrant for the November 18 Town Meeting. Bathrooms for the playground will be in the old Animal Shelter building. The selectmen will need to open the Warrant to add this article.

Channel 9 TV presentation. Discussions are ongoing with Cody. John asked to have a committee member with him and in his absence we suggested Dave Sullivan for his TV experience.

Berson property. This wonderful piece of land has been sold to a developer and plans are already underway to develop it.

Butler property. The family is divided over how to move ahead on this – whether to sell all or in pieces. Suggestions have been made for house use by the Historical Commission or for affordable housing.

John has met with the Community Preservation Organization Circuit Rider. CPO circuit riders work with local committees/commissions to assist with the completion of historical projects and to give advice in general in this area. No date yet set for a Seekonk visit. There's a real need for enough members on the Historical Commission to permit that group to function.

Willit will have information on an Open Space and Recreation Trust by November.

John tried to get Rob Bernardo, Superintendent of the Seekonk Water District to come to this meeting to discuss the issue of water for the Community Gardens, but he was unavailable. John Alves will contact Jim Tusino who seems to have a plan for this stalemate.

John said that the Committee will reorganize at our next meeting which will take place after Town Meeting.

Next meeting will be on January 7, place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee